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In re Application of: Parham et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING BETWEEN SIGNALING
PROTOCOLS

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE EXAMINER INTERVIEW PURSUANT TO

M.P.E.P. § 713.04

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants' representative greatly appreciates the Telephone Examiner Interview granted him on September 9, 2009.

In the Interview, it was agreed that the response filed on August 27, 2009 overcomes the § 101, § 112, and double patenting rejections.

With regard to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, the Examiner requested that Applicants provide support for the amended claim language:

Wherein the classified softswitch instructs the gateway as to which of the services to provide over the BLES network via the signaling information in the media gateway and call session control format.

Applicants' representative indicated that the claim language in question is supported by the specification, for example, on page 7, lines 9-11, which states:

Class 5 softswitch **26** through the signaling information, instructs gateway **18** as to which of the capabilities gateway **18** is to perform.

The specification further states on page 6 at line 23:

Class 5 softswitch converts the signaling information received in the network signaling format from signaling network **24** to a media gateway and call session control format.

It is respectfully submitted that the above two passages, when taken together, provide support for the amended claim language which recites the Class 5 softswitch uses the media gateway and call session control format to instruct the gateway as to which services to provide in the BLES network.

It was further discussed in the Interview that the CO-IWF in TR-036 does not communicate with another node using a media gateway and call session control format. Rather, the CO-IWF in Figure A1 on page 24 of TR-036 communicates with a Class 5 switch using legacy PSTN signaling protocols. The Class 5 switch would not communicate with any node using a media gateway and call session control format because in PSTN networks, the media and signaling functions are combined in a single node and there would thus be no need for a media gateway and call session control format usable by a media gateway controller to control a media gateway as claimed.

The Examiner agreed to reconsider Applicants' position and to call Applicants' representative upon consideration of the amendment filed on August 27, 2009.

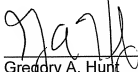
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Respectfully submitted,

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